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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed 15 December 2003 the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a bus bridge; and
- II. Claims 11-20, drawn to bus master/slave controlling.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction made by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121 on the grounds that the inventions identified by the Examiner are not distinct.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-10.

If it is felt for any reason that direct communication with the Applicant's attorney would serve to advance prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Peter P. Scott at the telephone number below.

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